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**INTERSTATE 35 BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN FEDERAL PRISON**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today that 38-year-old Adam Eugene Martin was sentenced to eight concurrent life imprisonment sentences for robbing several banks in Austin, San Antonio and New Braunfels.

United States District Judge Sam Sparks sentenced Martin to mandatory life imprisonment under the federal three-strikes law. Martin's criminal history reveals previous convictions for armed robbery and aggravated assault.

"Mr. Martin found out the hard way that robbing Texas banks doesn't pay," said United States Attorney Johnny Sutton. "He earned every day of the life sentence he received today and now will have the rest of his life to reflect on his poor decision to follow in his dad's footsteps."

On August 18, 2004, a federal jury in Austin convicted Martin of committing five armed bank robberies: Surety Bank (1012 IH 35 South, New Braunfels) on November 14, 2002, and again on January 10, 2003; Compass Bank (6910 Manchaca Road, Austin) on December 14, 2002; Guaranty Bank (5401 East Walzem, San Antonio) on January 31, 2003; and, Wells Fargo (2336 South Congress, Austin) on February 7, 2003. The jury also convicted Martin of committing three other bank robberies (without a firearm): Bank of America (5101 East Walzem Road, San Antonio) on October 19, 2002, and again on November 7, 2002; and, Bank of America (NW Loop 410, San Antonio) on November 7, 2002. Authorities estimate Martin collected over \$46,000 as a result of his bank robbery spree.

Martin's younger brothers, Noel Martin, Jr. and Michael Martin, who both testified against their brother, are currently serving federal prison terms of 57 months and 272 months respectively, after pleading guilty to bank robbery and firearms charges related to this investigation.

The Western District of Texas prosecution resulted from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Austin Police Department, New Braunfels Police Department, Comal County Sheriff's Office, San Antonio Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Assistant United States Attorneys Gerald C. Carruth and Dan Mills prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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